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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(i), AND EXPLANATION OF THE RELEVANCE OF THE CITED PRIOR ART

Sir:

The undersigned hereby requests that the prior art cited on the attached prior art statement be placed of record in the application file.

This citation of prior art is made under 37 CFR 1.97(i), since it is being filed after payment of the issue fee.

This prior art citation is being submitted under 37 CFR 1.97(i) because the prior art did not come to the attention of the undersigned until a time such that 37 CFR 1.97(e) precluded consideration under 37 CFR 1.97(d).

The undersigned asserts that the prior art cited on the attached form PTO/SB/08a has been compared to the allowed claims, and that the prior art cited on this form PTO/SB/08a is not materially closer to the claimed subject matter than is the prior art which the examiner has already considered.

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The relevance of the prior art cited on the attached form PTO/SB/08a is as follows:

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This patent shows a fluid-tight sealing assembly for the rod of a hydraulic actuator is axially slidable inside a passage of a fixed outer body between a chamber at high pressure and an external environment at low pressure, comprising a first composite seal nearer the chamber at high pressure, with a sealing part sliding on the external surface of the rod and consisting of a ring made of plastics material with a low coefficient of friction, forming a step towards the chamber at high pressure, and surrounded by a toroidal seal made of elastomeric material providing a static seal and radial clamping. The whole is housed in a corresponding seat in the outer body, followed by a second composite seal, nearer the outside, with a sealing part sliding on the rod and consisting of a ring made of an elastomeric material with an angled sealing lip in contact with the surface of the rod, coupled to a ring made of plastics material with a low coefficient of friction, housed in a corresponding seat in the outer body, with the angled sealing lip turned towards the first seal. The seals are axially spaced and an annular chamber is formed between them.

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